

Diabetes and Kidney Advocacy Day

April 16, 2008

~Meetings with Legislators~ Talking Points

1. Thank legislators for their hard work in dealing with Michigan's economic crisis.
2. ***Problem:*** Diabetes and kidney disease continue to increase.
Diabetes and kidney disease healthcare costs continue to increase.
Solution: Prevention is possible!!!
3. **RESTORE the Healthy Michigan Fund.** It was cut almost 50% by the Senate. It is the main source of disease prevention funding in our state.
4. **MAINTAIN funding for the Diabetes and Kidney Programs Line at \$4 million dollars** in the Michigan Department of Community Health Budget. Programs from the Diabetes and Kidney Line have shown **value and cost-saving outcomes.**

Show "A Guide for Michigan Legislators on Diabetes and Kidney Disease Prevention" and leave legislator a copy.

Diabetes and Kidney Disease Prevention Programs are:

- Outcomes and evidence-based
- In communities and health care systems
- Focus on
 - primary prevention – encouraging people to make healthy lifestyles changes.
 - early detection and proper treatment of diabetes, high blood pressure and chronic kidney disease.
 - encouraging patients to get self-management education, medical treatment and necessary supplies/medications to properly manage their diseases.

Bottom Line:

RESTORE the Healthy Michigan Fund!

MAINTAIN funding for the Diabetes and Kidney Programs Line!